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The 17th Annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival

*Attwater Prairie Chicken
National Wildlife Refuge*

April 9 – April 10, 2011



***Prairie Chicken
Viewing Tours***



***Marsh Birding
Tours***



Refuge Van Tours



***Native Plants
Walking Tours***



Bird Walking Tours



Refuge Auto Tour and Walking Trails

For Further Information, Contact

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR at 979/234-3021 or email at FW2_RW_AttwaterPrairieChicken@fws.gov

Prairie Chicken Viewing Tours

Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m.
Experience the beautiful and comical courtship dance of the Attwater's prairie chicken in their natural habitat. Attendees have a very good chance of seeing Attwater's prairie chickens on their "booming" grounds on these early morning tours. Tours start at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until the birds leave the "booming" ground (usually 1-2 hours).

No reservations needed. Be sure to bring your binoculars or spotting scope. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Refuge Van Tours

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 a.m./12:00 p.m./1:30 p.m.

Experience virgin coastal prairie habitat and it's wildlife with knowledgeable refuge guides. Learn about the plight of the Attwater's prairie chicken and see first hand how refuge staff work to keep this species from extinction. Tours start at 10:30 a.m, 12:00 noon, and 1:30 p.m on both Saturday and Sunday. Length of tours: about 2 hours. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Bird Walking Tours

Saturday and Sunday 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
A must for birding enthusiasts! Focus your binoculars to view prairie and riparian birds as they pass through the area during migration. Tours start at 8:45 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Marsh Birding Tours

Saturday and Sunday 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Rest your feet from the Bird Walking Tour and hop into a refuge vehicle to explore two refuge birding wetland hot spots at Teal Marsh and Pintail Marsh. Tours start at 10:45 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Native Plants Walking Tours

Saturday and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Get "up close and personal" with the native vegetation (grasses, "blooming" flowering plants) of the coastal prairie and develop a greater appreciation for this imperiled ecosystem. Tours start at 1:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Refuge Auto Tour and Walking Trails

Saturday and Sunday At your leisure
Enjoy the 5-mile auto tour route, 2 walking trails, and Visitor Center where one can view a collection of bird mounts and videos of the Attwater's prairie chicken at your leisure!

Refuge Directions

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge is located south of I-10 between San Antonio and Houston. In Sealy, take Exit #720, go south 1 mile on Highway 36, then right on FM 3013 for 10 miles. From Eagle Lake, take FM 3013 northeast for 6.5 miles.

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